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LOK SABHA

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NEW PRICING SCHEME FOR PHOSPHATE AND POTASSIC FERTILISERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imported urea is cheaper than that produced in our country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation;

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c) The urea manufacturing units uses different type of feedstock`s. Major feedstocks used by the manufacturers are gas, naphtha and FO/LSHS etc. Based on the latest available information the group average concession rates are varying form Rs.5520 per MT in case of pre-92 gas based units to Rs.12823 per MT for Pre-92 naphtha units. The overall weighted average is Rs.8591 per MT. In comparison the weighted average C&F price of the urea imported during the current year works out to Rs.10650 per MT approximately.